

Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1794

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:)
Tokutomi WATANABE et al.) Confirmation No.: 8100
Application No.: 10/518,356) Group Art Unit: 1794
Filed: December 17, 2004) Examiner: Vera Stulii
FOR: FOAM-HOLDING AGENTS AND USE)
THEREOF (As Amended))

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop AF
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated August 13, 2009, finally rejecting claims 13 and 15-35.

1. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Applicants request an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

| Total Months Requested | Fee for Extension | [Fee for Small Entity] |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month | \$ 130.00 | \$ 65.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months | \$ 490.00 | \$ 245.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 1,110.00 | \$ 555.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$ 1,730.00 | \$ 865.00 |

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$490.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

2. Notice of Appeal Fee – 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1)

The fee in the amount of \$540.00 to cover the Notice of Appeal fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Notice of Appeal fee of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

3. Fee Payment

Total Fee (\$1,030.00 to include \$490.00 for the two-month extension of time fee and \$540.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee) are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form.**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0573 in the amount of _____ for the Notice of Appeal fee.

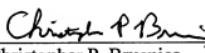
4. Constructive Petition

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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